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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

> Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 425X); BNSF Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Chase, Morris, Marion and Dickinson Counties, KS.

Dear Secretary Williams:

In reply to the Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy letter to you dated October 9, 2006, (filed October 18, 2006), BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") opposes the issuance of a Notice of Interim Trails Use in the above-referenced docket. In addition, Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy is out of time for a public use condition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 338-1325.

Sincerely.

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